

Response to Applicant's Non-Final Rejection

The Response to the Non-Final Rejection filed on 12/02/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicant's reply states Claims 1-11, 17, 29-33 and 35-46 are now pending in this application. The claims listed are 1-17, 29-33, and 35-46 as either "previously presented" or "original. It cannot be determined what claims are actually pending in the application. In the Non-Final Rejection claims 1-11, 17, 29-33, and 35-46 were pending and claims 12-16, 18-28, 34, 47, and 48 were withdrawn from consideration. Since the above- mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

This action is **NON-FINAL**.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 5:30AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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